

The Tragedie of Hamlet

Hora. My Lord, I came to see your fathers funeral.
Ham. I prethee doe not mock me fellow student,
 I thinke it was to my mothers wedding.
Hora. Indeed my Lord it followed hard vpon.
Ham. Thrift, thrift, *Horatio*, the funeral bak't meats
 Did coldly furnish forth the marriage tables,
 Would I had met my dearest foe in Heauen
 Or euer I had seene that day *Horatio*,
 My father me thinks I see my father.
Hora. Where my Lord?
Ham. In my minds eie *Horatio*.
Hora. I saw him once, a was a goodly King.
Ham. A was a man take him for all in all
 I shall not looke vpon his like againe.
Hora. My Lord, I thinke I saw him yesternight.
Ham. Saw, who?
Hora. My Lord the King your father.
Ham. The King my father?
Hora. Season your admiration for a while
 With an attentiu care till I may deliuer
 Vpon the witnesse of these Gentlemen
 This maruaile to you.
Ham. For Gods loue let me heare?
Hora. Two nights together had these Gentlemen,
Marcellus, and *Barnardo*, on their watch,
 In the dead vast and middle of the night
 Beene thus incountred, a figure like your father
 Armed at point, exactly *Cap a pea*
 Appeares before them, and with solemne march,
 Goes slow and stately by them; thrice he walkt
 By their opprest and feare surprized eies,
 Within this trnnchions length, whil't they distill'd
 Almost to gelly, with the act of feare
 Stand dumbe and speake not to him; this to me,
 In dreadfull secrecie impart they did,
 And I with them the third night kept the watch,
 Whereas they had deliuered both in time,
 Forme of the thing, each word made true and good,
 The apparition comes: I knew your father,

These

Prince of Denmarke.

These hands are not more like.
Ham. But where was this?
Mar. My Lord vpon the platforme where we watcht;
Ham. Did you not speake to it?
Hora. My Lord, I did,
 But answer me ade it none, yet once me thought
 It lifted vp its head and did addresse
 It selfe to motion, like as it would speake:
 But euen then the morning Cock crew loud,
 And at the sound it shrunke in haft a way
 And vanisht from our sight.
Ham. Tis verie strange.
Hora. As I doe liue my honor'd Lord tis true
 And we did thinke it writ downe in our dutie
 To let you know of it.
Ham. Indeed sirs but this troubles me,
 Hold you the watch to night?
All. We doe my Lord.
Ham. Arm'd say you?
All. Arm'd my Lord.
Ham. From top to toe?
All. My Lord from head to foot.
Ham. Then saw you not his face?
Hora. O yes my Lord, he wore his beauer vp.
Ham. What look't he frowningly?
Hora. A countenance more in sorrow then in anger.
Ham. Pale or red?
Hora. Nay verie pale.
Ham. And fixt his eies vpon you?
Hora. Most constantly.
Ham. I would I had beene there.
Hora. It would haue much amaz'd you.
Ham. Verie like: staid it long?
Hora. While one with moderate haste might tell a hundreth,
Both. Longer, longer.
Hora. Not when I saw't.
Ham. His beard was grisseld, no.
Hora. It was as I haue seene it in his life
 A sable siluer'd.

Ham.